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APPLICATION OF)
WERNER OBRECHT ET AL) GROUP NO.: 1712
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/981,045) EXAMINER: D. J. BUTTNER
FILED: OCTOBER 16, 2001) RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 11
TITLE: RUBBER GELS AND RUBBER)
COMPOUNDS CONTAINING)
PHENOLIC RESIN ADDUCTS)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sirs:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 21, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 21, 2003. The Examiner's rejections have been carefully considered, and in view of the accompanying Request for Continuing Examination and the remarks and amendments, reconsideration and early allowance of Claims 1-3, 10 and 11 is courteously requested.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification: None.

Amendment to the Claims: None, a listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Drawings: None.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Appendix A is a photocopy of pages 604 - 606 from Kirk-Othmer, Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology 4th, Ed., Volume 18.

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